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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, *the* *4th of August 1930.*
20th of Karkadagam 1105.

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. T. Mathew and A. Sankara Menon were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Extension of the period of vacation for the Munsiffs' Courts.

31. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) if Mr. V. K. Kuttan Menon, District Munsiff of Trichur, had requested that the Chief Court may recommend that the mid-summer vacation period of Munsiffs' Courts should be two months as that of the District Judges ;

(ii) if so, what is that communication ;

(b) will a copy of the reply of the Chief Court be placed on the table of the House ;

(c) what are the objections to extend the period of such vacation as represented by the Munsiff ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) Yes.

(ii) Copy of the communication is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(b) The reply of the Chief Court being confidential cannot be published.

(c) In British India and Travancore the same distinction as to vacation between the District Courts and Munsiffs' Courts is observed. In the opinion of the Judges there is no sufficient ground for deviating from the existing practice.

Termination of the contract for felling the timber in the Vellikkamukku Coupe.

32. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which the contract for felling timber in the Vellikkamukku Coupe in the Palappilli Range with Mr. T. A. Rama Ayyar terminated ;

(b) were tenders invited for the removal of the toplings in that coupe in 1105 ; if so, who were the tenderers and what were their respective rates ;

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(c) whether any list of the toplings was prepared ; if so, by whom and what were the number of marked toplings included in the list and what was the measurement of the same ;

(d) whether any fresh marking is proposed in that coupe by the department?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Vrischigam 1104.

(b) No. But tenders were invited for the removal of logs. The names of the tenderers and the rates offered by them are furnished in the statement appended ((*Vide Appendix II.*)

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) No.

Transfer of certain Munsiffs.

33. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) whether the Chief Court had recently recommended a transfer of some of the District Munsiffs of the State ;

(ii) if so, what was the recommendation ; and,

(iii) when was it ;

(b) (i) why was effect not given to such recommendation ;

(ii) whether the Government has enquired of the Chief Court for their reasons for the transfer ;

(iii) if so, what was the reply given by the Chief Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i) Yes.

(ii) and (iii). Copy of the recommendation is appended (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(b) (i) Government did not consider the transfer necessary just then.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) The Judges simply reported that they have no objection to the transfers being put off till the beginning of the next year.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this recommendation of transfer of Munsiffs made of their own accord or at the request of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Member means the Judges in the court?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Yes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it generally the practice to ask the Chief Court reasons for such transfers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. If the Government think it necessary, they do ask for reasons.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were there precedents?

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APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to Question No. 32*).

Names of the tenderers and the rates offered by them.

Serial No.	Species	Mr. T. A. Rama Ayyar			Mr. K. P. Louappan		
		Rate per candy			Rate per candy		
		Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.
1	Teak	7	0	0	7	2	0
2	Rose-wood	10	0	0	10	1	0
3	Ebony	10	0	0	..		
4	Venteak	1	8	0	1	10	0
5	Marudu	1	4	0	1	6	0
6	Irool	2	0	0	2	2	0
7	Ayni	3	0	0	3	2	0
8	White-cedar (Vellakil)	3	0	0	3	3	0
9	Punna	1	0	0	1	2	0
10	Mylellu	1	8	0	1	12	0
11	Pongu	4	0	0	4	2	0
12	Koramarudu	1	8	0	1	10	0
13	Vedankorana	1	8	0	1	12	0
14	All the other species of junglewood	0	8	0	...		
15	Chadachi	...			1	1	0
16	Vengaval	...			1	1	0
17	Kunnivaka	...			1	0	0
18	Malvooram	..			1	0	0
19	Pali	..			1	0	0
20	Pattipunna	...			1	0	0
21	Kolamavoo	...			1	0	0

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